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SUBJECT: SINO-INDIAN CLASH

FOLLOWING SENT ACTION NEW DELHI INFO BOMBAY HONGKONG PEKING
MADRAS FROM CALCUTTA NOV 4, 1975 IS REPEATED TO YOU:

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1. TWO CALCUTTA PAPERS CARRY EDITORIALS NOVEMBER 4 ON KILLING
OF FOUR INDIAN SOLDIERS BY CHINESE IN THE NOTHEAST.R

2. MASS CIRCULATION BENGALI LANGUAGE ANANDA BAZAR PATRIKA SAYS
THAT CHINA DOES NOT DO ANYTHING ON THE SPUR OF THE MOMENT AND
THAT IF THE CLASH WERE AN ACCIDENT CHINA WOULD HAVE APOLOGIZED.

INSTEAD, SINCE THE OCCURRENCE OF THE INCIDENT CHINA HAS
INTENSIFIED ANTI-INDIAN PROPAGANDA. PAPER CALLS FOR INDIA TO
MAINTAIN ITS DEFENSE PREPAREDNESS IN ORDER TO INSURE ITS

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TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY.

2. GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL BACKED BENGALI LANGUAGE BASUMATI
PORTRAYS CHINESE AMBUSH OF INDIAN PATROL AS AN ACT OF DESPERA-
TION BY A CHINA WHICH IS ON THE DEFENSIVE INTERNATIONALLY
AND IS SEEKING TO CREATE TENSION IN THE AREA. BASUMATI SAYS "
CHINA WILL COME TO GRIEF IF IT CONSIDERS ITS DISPLAY OF ARROGANCE
ON THE INDIAN-CHINESE BORDER A PRELUDE TO A WIDER CONFLICT...
THERE IS NO POSSIBILITY OF INDIA REPEATING IN 1975 ITS HIMALAYAN
BLUNDER OF 1962. CHINA HAS HAD A TASTE OF INDIA'S STRENGTH WHEN
INDIA HELPED THE STRUGGLE IN BANGLADESH TO SUCCEED AGAINST THE
JOINT EFFORTS OF WASHINGTON AND PEKING. INDIA'S MORALE IS
STRONGER TODAY..INDIANS TODAY ARE QUITE CAPABLE OF TAKING CARE
OF ANY ANTI-INDIAN THRUSTS BY THE CHINESE. SIGNED KORN.
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